

IN THE CLAIMS:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle wiper assembly having a swingable wiper arm provided in the vicinity of a windshield and a wiper blade attached to a tip end of said wiper arm for wiping said windshield, comprising:

a wiper motor for driving said wiper arm, said wiper motor being attached to a vehicle body via a first fixing section so as to move inside the vehicle body by an external force; and

a support member for supporting said wiper motor, having a first end and an opposite second end, the support member swingably attached to the vehicle body at the first end and fixed to the vehicle body at the second end, the first fixing section being located at the second end, and

a first weak section having low rupture strength provided between said wiper motor and said first fixing section.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The vehicle wiper assembly according to claim 1, further comprising:

a wiper arm support member for supporting said wiper arm, having a first end and an opposing second end, the wiper arm support member swingably fixed to the vehicle body at the first end of said wiper arm support member via a second fixing section, said wiper arm being attached to the wiper arm support member at the second end of said wiper arm support member, and

a second weak section having low rupture strength provided between said second fixing section and the second end of said wiper arm support member.

4. (Previously Presented) The vehicle wiper assembly according to claim 3, wherein said second weak section having low rupture strength is provided in the vicinity of said second fixing section of a pivot holder for rotatably supporting a pivot shaft for attaching a base end section of the wiper arm.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A vehicle wiper assembly having a first swingable wiper arm and a second swingable wiper arm provided in the vicinity of a windshield and a wiper blade attached to a tip end of each wiper arm for wiping said windshield comprising:

a wiper motor for driving said first and second wiper arms, said wiper motor being attached to a vehicle body via a first fixing section so as to move inside the vehicle body by an external force;

a support member for supporting said wiper motor, having a first end and an opposing second end, the support member being swingably attached to the vehicle body at the first end and fixed to the vehicle body at the second end, the first fixing section being located at the second end, and

a first weak section having low rupture strength provided between said wiper motor and said first fixing section;

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A vehicle wiper assembly having a first swingable wiper arm and a second swingable wiper arm provided in the vicinity of a windshield and a wiper blade attached to a tip end of each wiper arm for wiping said windshield comprising:

a wiper motor for driving said first and second wiper arms, said wiper motor being attached to a vehicle body via a first fixing section so as to move inside the vehicle body by an external force;

a first weak section having low rupture strength provided between said wiper motor and said first fixing section;

a first support member for supporting said first wiper arm, having a first end and an opposing second end, the first support member swingably fixed to the vehicle body at the first end via a second fixing section, said first wiper arm being attached to the first support member at the second end;

a second weak section having low rupture strength provided between said second fixing section and said second end;

a second support member for supporting said second wiper arm, having a third end and an opposing fourth end, the second support member swingably fixed to the vehicle body at the third end via a third fixing section, said second wiper arm being attached to the second support member at the fourth end; and

a third weak section having low rupture strength provided between said third fixing section and said fourth end.

10. (Previously Presented) The vehicle wiper assembly according to claim 9, wherein said second weak section having low rupture strength is provided in the vicinity of said second fixing section of a pivot holder for rotatably supporting a pivot shaft for attaching a base end section of the first wiper arm, and said third weak section having low rupture strength is provided in the vicinity of said third fixing section of a pivot holder for rotatably supporting a pivot shaft for attaching a base end section of the second wiper arm.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 11, further comprising:~~

A vehicle wiper assembly, comprising:

a wiper motor;

a bracket device supporting said wiper motor at a motor support section of said bracket device, said bracket device further including a vehicle body fixing section spaced from said motor support section along a length of said bracket device, said bracket device further including a first weak section having a low rupture strength and said first weak section being positioned between said vehicle body fixing section and said motor support section relative to a length of said bracket device such that said wiper motor is free to move further inside the vehicle upon an external force rupturing said first weak section;

a first pivot shaft for supporting a first wiper blade and a second pivot shaft for supporting a second wiper blade;

a first pivot holder and a second pivot holder each having a vehicle attachment section and each having a pivot shaft holder section for respective holding of said first and second pivot shafts; and

a pipe secured at a first end to said first pivot holder and at a second end to said second pivot holder, and said bracket device having a pipe connection section which is connected to said pipe.

13. (Currently Amended) The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 12, wherein said motor ~~mount~~ support section is positioned between said pipe connection section and said first weak section relative to the length of said bracket device.

14. (Previously Presented) The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 12 wherein said vehicle body fixing section of said bracket includes a screw reception area.

15. (Currently Amended) The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 12 wherein the vehicle attachment section of said first pivot holder includes a second weak section of said vehicle wiper assembly such that said first pivot holder is free to break away from a connection state with the vehicle upon an external force rupturing said second weak section.

16. (Previously Presented) The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 15 wherein the vehicle attachment section of said second pivot holder includes a third weak section of said vehicle wiper assembly such that said second pivot holder is free to break away from a connection state with the vehicle upon an external force rupturing said third weak section.

17. (Previously Presented) The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 16 wherein said first, second and third weak sections are designed to all break away upon an external force application whereby said vehicle wiper assembly as a whole is detachable from said vehicle.

18. (Previously Presented) The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 17 wherein said first, second and third weak sections each include elongated break away slots.

19. (Previously Presented) The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 12 wherein the pipe connection section of said bracket device includes a bearing section that extends around said pipe and is rotatably attached to said pipe.

20. (Previously Presented) The vehicle wiper assembly of claim 12 further comprising a link assembly extending between said first and second pivot holders for rotation of pivot shafts pivotably supported by said pivot holders.